IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

1-36   Cancelled

37.   (Currently Amended) A system for use in communication between a plurality of users:

(a) one or more service programs ~~for causing at least one computer to maintain at least one record of at least location information for where a first user is logged in at a first communication device~~; and

(b) one or more collaboration initiation programs;~~for~~

wherein at least one of the one or more service programs and one or more collaboration programs are for:

- maintaining a first association between a first user and corresponding addressing information of a first communication device used by the first user to log in;

- maintaining a second association between a second user and corresponding addressing information of a second communication device used by the second user to log in, wherein the second communication device is separated from the first communication device by a wide area network; wherein the first and second associations are dynamically changeable by keeping track of client programs at the respective communication devices so that the first and second users, if logged in, can be found no matter where they are located;

- ~~allowing a second user to log in at a second communication device and to connect to at least one network,~~

- presenting a user interface on a display associated with the ~~second~~ first communication device, the user interface including at least one of a scrollable ~~rolodex of user identifying entries, and~~ list of identifiers of the plurality of users and a dial panel of identifiers for at least a subset of users from the scrollable list,

wherein at least one of the scrollable list and the dial panel includes an identifier for the second user;

- allowing the ~~second~~ first user to select the ~~first~~ identifier of the second user from the user interface;

~~wherein the one or more collaboration initiation programs and the one or more service programs are operable to~~

- ~~keep track of the communication capabilities of the first communication device,~~

- ~~notify~~ if the second user is not logged in, ~~if~~ indicating to the first user that the second user is not logged in[[,]];

- in response to the first user selecting the identifier of the second user and if the second user is logged in, using the addressing information of the second communication device to allow communication between the first and second users, the communication being established using either a communication type selected by the first user or a default communication type;

- ~~respond to the second user's selection by causing retrieval of addressing information for the first user, which addressing information can be used to establish a connection between the first and second users, and~~

- ~~when such connection is established, enable real-time communication, based on the communication capabilities of at least the first communication device, from the first user to be displayed on at least the display of the second communication device,~~

- detecting an incoming request for communication, from at least a third user, at the first communication device of the first user during an active communication with the second user;

- indicating to the first user the third user; and

- providing the first user with an option of accepting the incoming request for communication with the third user.

- ~~maintain at least one directory of potential users,~~

- ~~maintain at least one database including location information of respective communication devices where potential users are logged in, and~~

- ~~maintain an association between the potential users and the corresponding location information of the respective communication devices where the potential users are logged in , wherein the association is dynamically changeable based on tracking of location of client programs at the respective communication devices so that a logged in potential user can be located no matter where the potential user is located,~~

~~wherein the display of information in the at least one scrollable rolodex of user identifying entries is based on information from the at least one directory of potential users.~~

38. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 37, wherein the communication includes real-time text.

39. (Currently amended) The system of claim <u>37</u> ~~38~~, wherein the first communication device is a wireless device.

40. (Currently amended) The system of claim <u>37</u> ~~38~~, wherein <u>selecting the identifier of the second user by the first user invokes a default communication type</u> ~~the at least one network is a wide area network~~.

41. (Currently amended) The system of claim <u>37</u> ~~38~~, wherein <u>at least one of</u> the one or more collaboration initiation programs and the one or more service programs further are operable to allow the <u>first</u> ~~second~~ user to:

- select ~~a new user~~ <u>one or more users</u> from among the ~~potential~~ <u>plurality of</u> users, and
- ~~cause that new user to be added~~ <u>add the selected one or more users</u> to an existing communication.

42. (Currently amended) The system of claim <u>37</u> ~~38~~, wherein <u>at least one of</u> the one or more collaboration initiation programs and the one or more service programs further are operable to

allow the first user to disconnect any one of the second and third users during an active communication between the first, second and third users.[[:]]

- detect an attempt by a third user to initiate a communication with the second user,
- notify the second user of the attempt, and
- allow the second user to establish a communication with the third user.

43. (Currently amended) The system of claim 37 4~2~, wherein at least one of the one or more collaboration initiation programs and the one or more service programs further are operable to cause an indication of the attempt to initiate the communications to appear automatically on a user's display of the second communication device.

44. (Currently amended) The system of claim 37 3~8~, wherein at least one of the one or more collaboration initiation programs and the one or more service programs further are operable to allow the second user to send an e-mail to the first user.

45. (Currently amended) The system of claim 37 3~8~, wherein the communication includes at least one image.

46. (Currently amended) The system of claim 38, wherein at least maintaining a first association is performed the communication capabilities are tracked by at least one server.

47. (Currently amended) The system of claim 37 3~8~, wherein at least one communication device is a computer.

48. (Currently amended) The system of claim 37 3~8~, wherein the dial panel includes at least a graphical icon representing the second user one or more collaboration initiation programs and the one or more service programs further are operable to allow the second user to create a personalized rolodex.

49.   (Currently Amended) A system for use in real-time communication between a plurality of users, comprising:

(a) one or more service programs ~~for causing at least one computer to maintain at least one record of at least location information for where the first user is logged in at a first communication device~~; and

(b) one or more collaboration initiation programs, wherein at least one of the one or more service programs and the one or more collaboration programs are for:

- maintaining a first association between a first user and corresponding addressing information of a first communication device used by the first user to log in, wherein the first communication device is a wireless device;

- maintaining a second association between a second user and corresponding addressing information of a second communication device used by the second user to log in, wherein the second communication device is separated from the first communication device by a wide area network;
  wherein the first and second associations are dynamically changeable by keeping track of client programs at the respective communication devices so that the first and second users, if logged in, can be found no matter where they are located;

- ~~allowing a second user to log in at a second communication device and to connect to at least one network,~~

- presenting a user interface on a display associated with the first ~~second~~ communication device, the user interface including identifiers of the plurality of users including an identifier for the second user, wherein information associated with at least the second user is retrieved from at least one server; ~~a plurality of user identifying entries, and~~

- allowing the first ~~second~~ user to select the identifier for the second ~~first~~ user from the user interface;[[,]]

- in response to the first user selecting the identifier of the second user and if the second user is logged in, using the addressing information of the second communication device to allow communication between the first and second users;

- allowing the first user to select a communication type for the communication between the first and second users;
- establishing communication between the first and second user using either the communication type selected by the first user or a default communication type; ~~wherein the one or more collaboration initiation programs and the one or more service programs are operable to~~

  - ~~keep track of the communication capabilities of the first communication device,~~

  - ~~respond to the second user's selection by causing the retrieval of addressing information of the first user, which addressing information can be used to establish a connection between the first and second users,~~

  - ~~when such connection is established, enable real-time communication, based on the communication capabilities of at least the first communication device, from the first user to be displayed on at least the display of the second communication device,~~

- detecting an incoming request for communication, from at least ~~one communicating~~ a third user, at the first communication device of the first user during an active communication with the second user;[[,]]
- indicating to ~~notify~~ the first user ~~of the identity~~ a corresponding identifier of the third user ~~each of the communicating users;~~[[,]] and
- ~~provide~~ providing the first user with an option of accepting the incoming request for communication with the third user.

50.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim 49, wherein at least one of the ~~user identifying entries~~ identifiers include at least one graphical icon representing a user of the plurality of users.

51.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim 49 ~~50~~, wherein the ~~first user is selected by the second user clicking on the~~ at least one of the identifiers include a graphical icon representing the second user.

52. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 49 ~~50~~, wherein the communication includes video.

53. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 49, wherein <u>maintaining a first association</u> ~~the communication capabilities are tracked~~ <u>is performed</u> by at least one server.

54. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 49, wherein at least one communication device is a computer.

55. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 49, wherein the ~~first user's~~ communication <u>includes at least audio</u> ~~device is a wireless device and the location information includes address information~~.

56. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 49 ~~55~~, wherein <u>the default communication type is invoked if the first user does not select a communication type</u> ~~the at least one network is a wide area network~~.

57. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 49 ~~50~~, wherein <u>at least one of</u> the one or more collaboration initiation programs and the one or more service programs further are operable to allow the ~~second~~ <u>first</u> user to <u>select or more users from among the plurality of users by selecting corresponding identifiers associated with the selected one or more users</u> add ~~a new~~ <u>the selected one or more</u> users to an existing communication.

58. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 49, wherein <u>at least one of</u> the one or more collaboration initiation programs and the one or more service programs further are operable to allow the first user to <u>disconnect any one of the second and third users during an active</u> ~~indicate a willingness to receive requests for~~ communications <u>between the first, second and third users</u>.

59.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim <u>49</u> 5̶2̶, wherein <u>at least one of</u> the one or more collaboration initiation programs and the one or more service programs further are operable to allow the second user to send an e-mail to the first user.

60.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 49, wherein the communications includes text.

61.   (Currently Amended) A system for use in real-time communication between a plurality of users, comprising:

        (a̶)̶ one or more service ̶p̶r̶o̶g̶r̶a̶m̶s̶ ̶f̶o̶r̶ ̶c̶a̶u̶s̶i̶n̶g̶ ̶a̶t̶ ̶l̶e̶a̶s̶t̶ ̶o̶n̶e̶ ̶c̶o̶m̶p̶u̶t̶e̶r̶ ̶t̶o̶ ̶m̶a̶i̶n̶t̶a̶i̶n̶ ̶a̶t̶ ̶l̶e̶a̶s̶t̶ ̶o̶n̶e̶ ̶r̶e̶c̶o̶r̶d̶ ̶o̶f̶ ̶a̶t̶ ̶l̶e̶a̶s̶t̶ ̶l̶o̶c̶a̶t̶i̶o̶n̶ ̶i̶n̶f̶o̶r̶m̶a̶t̶i̶o̶n̶ ̶f̶o̶r̶ ̶w̶h̶e̶r̶e̶ ̶t̶h̶e̶ ̶f̶i̶r̶s̶t̶ ̶u̶s̶e̶r̶ ̶i̶s̶ ̶l̶o̶g̶g̶e̶d̶ ̶i̶n̶ ̶a̶t̶ ̶a̶ ̶f̶i̶r̶s̶t̶ ̶c̶o̶m̶m̶u̶n̶i̶c̶a̶t̶i̶o̶n̶ ̶d̶e̶v̶i̶c̶e̶; and

        (b̶)̶ one or more collaboration initiation programs<u>, wherein at least one of the one or more service programs and the one or more collaboration programs are </u>for<u>:</u>

- <u>maintaining a first association between a first user and corresponding addressing information of a first communication device used by the first user to log in;</u>
- <u>maintaining a second association between the first user and corresponding addressing information of a second communication device used by the first user to log in;</u>
- <u>maintaining a third association between a second user and corresponding addressing information of a third communication device used by the second user to log in, wherein the third communication device separated from the at least one of the communication devices used by the first user to log in by a wide area network, wherein the first, second and third associations are dynamically changeable by keeping track of client programs at the respective communication devices so that the first and second users, if logged in, can be found no matter where they are located;</u>

~~allowing a second user to log in at a second communication device and to connect to at least one wireless network,~~

- presenting a user interface on a display associated with the first ~~second~~ communication device, the user interface including <u>at least one of a scrollable list of identifiers of the plurality of users and a dial panel of identifiers for at least a subset of users from the scrollable list, wherein at least one of the scrollable list and the dial panel includes an identifier for the second user;</u> ~~a plurality of user identifying entries, and~~

- allowing the second user to select the first user from the user interface<u>;</u>[[,]]

- allowing the <u>first</u> ~~second~~ user to select <u>the identifier for the second</u> ~~first~~ user from the user interface<u>;</u>[[,]]

- <u>if the second user is not logged in, indicating to the first user that the second user is not logged in;</u>

- <u>in response to the first user selecting the identifier of the second user and if the second user is logged in, using the addressing information of the third communication device to allow communication between the first and second users, the communication being established using either a communication type selected by the first user or a default communication type;</u>

- <u>detecting an incoming request for communication, from at least a third user, at the first communication device of the first user during an active communication with the second user;</u>

- <u>indicating to the first user a corresponding identifier of the third user; and</u>

- <u>providing the first user with an option of accepting the incoming request for communication.</u>

~~wherein the one or more collaboration initiation programs and the one or more service programs are operable to~~

- ~~keep track of the communication capabilities of the first communication device,~~

- respond to the second user's selection by causing the retrieval of addressing information of the first user, which addressing information can be used to establish a connection between the first and second users, and
- when such connection is established, enable real-time communication, based on the communication capabilities of at least the first communication device, from the first user to be displayed on at least the display of the second communication device,
- maintain at least one directory of potential users,
- maintain at least one database including location information of respective communication devices where potential users are logged in, and
- maintain an association between potential users and the corresponding location information of the respective communication devices where the potential users are logged in, wherein the association is dynamically changeable based on tracking of location of client programs at the respective communication devices so that a logged in potential user can be located no matter where the potential user is located,

wherein the display of user identifying entries is based on information from the at least one directory of potential users.

62.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 61, wherein the communication includes real-time text.

63.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim 61 62, wherein the user identifying entries are in a at least one of the scrollable list and the dial panel includes including at least one graphical icon.

64.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim 61 63, wherein at least one of the one or more collaboration initiation programs and the one or more service programs further are operable to indicate to the second first user to notify the third user of postponing the requested

communication instead of accepting the requested communication~~whether the first user is not~~ ~~logged in~~.

65.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim <u>61</u> ~~64~~, wherein <u>at least one of</u> the one or more collaboration initiation programs and the one or more service programs further are operable to allow the ~~second~~ <u>first</u> user to:

*   select ~~a new~~ <u>one or more</u> user<u>s</u> from among the <u>plurality of</u> ~~potential~~ users, and
*   ~~cause that new user to be added~~ <u>add the selected one or more users</u> to an existing communication.

66.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim <u>61</u> ~~62~~, wherein <u>at least one of</u> the one or more collaboration initiation programs and the one or more service programs further are operable to <u>allow the first user to disconnect any one of the second and third users during an active communication between the first, second and third users.</u>~~:~~

*   ~~detect an attempt by a third user to initiate a communication with the second user,~~
*   ~~notify the second user of the attempt, and~~
*   ~~allow the second user to establish a communication with the third user.~~

67.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim <u>61</u> ~~66~~, wherein <u>at least one of</u> the one or more collaboration initiation programs and the one or more service programs further are operable to cause an indication of ~~the~~ <u>an</u> attempt to initiate communications to appear automatically on the display of the second communication device.

68.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 62, wherein the communications includes video.

69.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim 61, wherein ~~the communication capabilities are tracked~~ <u>maintaining a first association is performed</u> by at least one server.

70.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 61, wherein at least one communication device is a computer.